

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 36, 44, 67, 76, 78, 80, 81, 85, 86, 89, 92 and 93 are pending in the application, with claims 36, 67, 78, 89, 92 and 93 being the independent claims. Claims 30, 45, 77, 79, 82-84, 87, 88, 90 and 91 are sought to be canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 30, 45, 77, 79 and 83 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Calderon-Aranda *et al.* ["Pharmacokinetics of the toxic fraction of *Centruroides limpidus limpidus* venom in experimentally envenomed rabbits and effects of immunotherapy with specific F(ab')₂" *Toxicon* 32:771-782 (1999)]. (See Office Action at page 2.)

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's position. However, solely in an effort to advance prosecution, and not in acquiescence to the Examiner's rejection, claims 30, 45, 77, 79 and 83 have been canceled. As such, Applicants submit that this rejection has been rendered moot and request its withdrawal.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 77, 82, 84, 87, 88, 90 and 91 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious by Calderon-Aranda *et al.* ["Pharmacokinetics of the toxic fraction of *Centruroides limpidus limpidus* venom in experimentally envenomed rabbits and effects of immunotherapy with specific F(ab')₂" *Toxicon* 32:771-782 (1999)] in view of Suchard *et al.* ["Scorpion envenomation" in *Wilderness Medicine*, Auerbach P.S. ed., Mosby Co., St. Louis, pp. 839-862 (2001)]. (See Office Action at page 3.)

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Other

The Examiner indicated that claims 36, 44, 67, 76, 78, 80, 81, 85, 86, 89, 92 and 93 are allowed. (See Office Action at page 4.) Applicants have canceled claims 30, 45, 77, 79, 82-84, 87, 88, 90 and 91 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. As such, Applicants respectfully request prompt and favorable consideration of the presently-pending claims.

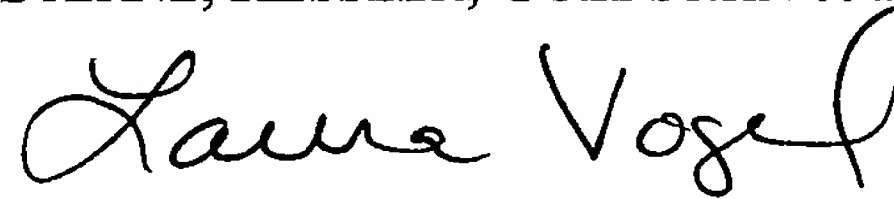
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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